

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 208.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 6, 1863.

I..Phonographic reporters employed under the authority of the 28th section of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1863, will be allowed not exceeding ten dollars per day, and when the place of meeting of the Court is changed, their actual traveling expenses; but no reporter will be employed except in cases of importance, and when the other duties of the Judge Advocate will not allow him to take down the testimony in the ordinary way.

II..Hereafter no officer or agent under the control of the War Department, disbursing public money, will pay any claim or account presented through agents or collectors, except on regular power of attorney, executed *after* the account or claim is due and payable, and unless such agent or collector is considered by the disbursing officer amply able to reimburse the United States, or the disbursing officer, in case such claim or account shall, subsequent to payment, prove to be unjust or fraudulent; and when an account is presented in person by an individual who is not known to the disbursing officer, the latter will require such evidence of identity as will secure the Government against fraud.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.